

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 10-16, and 30-39 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Evans for the indication that Claims 10 and 30-39 are allowable over the prior art (paper number 16, page 4, lines 1-2). Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited in view of the following remarks.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 [*sic*, 2-6], 8, 11-16, 20-29, and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Abraham in view of Hsu is obviated by amendment.

Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of this ground of rejection. Claims 8 and 20-29 have been canceled by the present amendment and, as such, the rejection over these claims is now moot. Applicants note that Claims 2-6, 11-16, and 37-39 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 10. Accordingly, Claims 2-6, 11-16, and 37-39 should now be allowable since the food or beverage (Claims 2-6) and the methods (Claims 11-16 and 37-39) each require the allowed supplement of Claim 10.

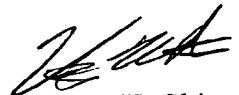
Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection. In addition, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that Claims 2-6, 11-16, and 37-39 are free of the art of record.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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